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AUTOMOBILE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

**PETITION TO ACCEPT DELAYED CLAIM FOR
PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119**

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to accept a delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed with this submission, and this petition is filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c). In accordance with § 1.55(c), Applicants respectfully request that the Claim for Priority enclosed herewith be accepted even though it is presented after the time period provided by

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paragraph (a) of § 1.55 because: (1) the Claim for Priority identifies the prior foreign application by specifying its application number, country, and date of filing; (2) the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(1) of § 1.55 and the date on which the Claim for Priority is being filed was unintentional; and (3) the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) is submitted herewith.

While Applicants make this petition to ensure that its claim for priority will be accepted, Applicants respectfully point out that the priority document, Korean Patent Application Serial No. KR 1999/50110, filed on November 12, 1999, was cited on the front page of the specification as filed under the heading "Priority Data" and was cited in the section marked "Priority claim of earlier national application" on page 3 of the PCT Request that was filed along with the present U.S. national stage application. Furthermore, Applicants have complied with the requirement to file a certified copy of the priority document, as the Patent Office has received a WIPO-stamped copy of the priority application. (*See* MPEP § 1893.03(c).) Applicants thus respectfully submit that these references to the Korean priority application combined with the filing of a certified copy of the priority document should suffice to constitute a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and Applicants respectfully request that the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) (which is enclosed herewith) be refunded. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney for Applicants with any questions regarding this request.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure